

REMARKS

The above amendment with the following remarks is submitted to be fully responsive to the Official Action of March 23, 2004. Reconsideration of this application in light of the amendment and the allowance of this application are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-5 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Doll. Also, claims 6 and 8-10 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but allowable if rewritten in independent form. In response, independent claim 1 is hereby amended to include all the limitations of dependent claim 8 while dependent claims 6, 9 and 10 are amended to avoid redundancy in limitations. Thus, it is believed that newly amended independent claim 1 is allowable and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Likewise, it is respectfully submitted that dependent claims 2-10 are likewise allowable in that they depend on what is believed to be allowable base claim 1.

It is noted that claims 11-30 are allowed. The Examiner's indication of allowed subject matter is appreciated.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance and a notice to that effect is respectfully requested. However, if the Examiner deems that any issue remains after considering this response, he is invited to call the undersigned to expedite the prosecution and work out any such issue by telephone.

Respectfully submitted,



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